Amendments of Specification and New Claims A.

Applicants amended the specification to provide a cross-reference to related applications.

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) ("Notification") indicating that Preliminary Amendments have not been entered, Applicants cancelled claims 2-50, to correct an informality in the Preliminary Amendment of November 17, 2004. New claims 51-69 are substantively the same as claims 20-38 in the November 17, 2004 Preliminary Amendment. Support for new claims is found in the application, considered as a whole, e.g., p. 24, lines 32-37. Applicants respectfully request entry into the record of this Second Preliminary Amendment and examination of the application on the basis of the enclosed claims.

Applicants respectfully point out that the cancellation of some claims and the introduction of new claims is not to be considered as narrowing the scope of Applicants' claimed invention, and the claims of record in the application, after this Second Preliminary Amendment is entered, should be considered to be entitled to the full scope thereof as defined by the open language of the claims.

B. Request For Allowance

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication of which is solicited.

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It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this paper. However, if any fees are determined to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge these fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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